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## FRENCH FORCES STAND FIRMLY AROUND VERDUN

### Desperate German Attacks In Corbeaux Wood Cost Heavy Losses.

## TEUTONS GAIN GROUND

### Retake Positions French Won In Forest Fight Of Last Tuesday.

## FRENCH HOLD FORT VAUX FAST

### Berlin Reports Teutons In Woevre District Are Closing In On East Defenses.

Paris, March 10.—In a desperate effort to cut the communications of the French forces on Goose Hill (Cote de L'ole), the Germans today launched with forces estimated at not less than 20,000 men, a series of violent attacks against the Corbeaux wood.

The official report issued at the war office tonight admits that the Germans were able to recapture a section of the wood, but declares that their losses were out of all proportion to the success attained. Describing the fighting, it says: "Numerous attacks were repulsed in succession by our artillery, infantry and machine gun fire, which wrought great ravages in the German ranks."

"In spite of losses out of all proportion with the objective sought, the Germans launched a violent attack with at least a division, in the course of which they were able to recapture that part of the woods which we retook from them on the eighth."

While the day's fighting was most violent in the small stretch west of the Meuse, where the Germans are attacking the hill to positions of the French, heavy actions were also fought on the opposite side of the river, especially in the region of Douaumont.

### Assault on Vaux Checked.

Two German attacks against the French positions west of Douaumont village and preparations for a renewed assault on Vaux were put down by the French fire, the official statement says.

Despite renewed German claims that Fort Vaux was occupied by Teuton troops, who later were forced to give up the position, an official announcement today reiterates statement that no German has had his foot within the breastworks of the fort and that the two companies which succeeded in penetrating the outskirts of the village were driven out at the point of the bayonet in short order.

Berlin reports officially that German troops in the Woevre are rapidly closing in on Fort Tannenberg defending Verdun from the east. It states that the German front has been pushed beyond the wooded section southeast of Damleup.

### Claims Steady Progress.

Despite French claims that a large part of Corbeaux wood was still in the hands of the French, main headquarters states that the clearing operations of the Germans are progressing satisfactory and that six officers and 681 men have been taken prisoners and eleven guns captured.

The statement admits that the French have been able to regain a footing in Fort Vaux, which was captured by Posen infantry on the night of March 8-9.

The Vienna war office reports that on the Isonzo front the Italians have maintained intermittent and moderate fire, which has increased in its intensity at the Tolmein (Tolmino) bridgehead.

On the Gornic and Tyrol fronts there has been little activity.

The Italians employed gas bombs in the Rombon sector.

## BERLIN CLAIMS TO DOMINATE IN AIR

### Reports Six Aircraft Lost in Month Against Twenty of Allies.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, March 10.—An official statement issued at main headquarters of the army today says:

During the month of February the German air squadron displayed more activity behind the enemy's front than ever before.

The following figures again prove the German supremacy in the air:

The German losses in February in aerial combats were nil; losses through being shot down from the ground were nil. We have missing six machines.

The Anglo-French loss in air combats is 15; shot down from the ground, 6; forced to land inside the German lines, 2. Total, 23 against Germany's 6. These figures do not include numerous other aeroplanes of the enemy shot down behind his lines.

### Britain to Use German Ships.

London, March 10.—According to recent reports, the German merchant steamers seized in Portuguese ports will be used by England to transport coal and war supplies from Great Britain to Italy.

### Quickest Service to Baltimore.

Baltimore and Ohio Every Hour on the Hour, with up and down-tour terminals. Rate Saturdays and Sundays, \$1.50; other days, \$1.75 round trip.—Adv.

## Death Robbed of All Terror for French

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

A well known Frenchman who has just returned from the battlefield east of Verdun says that the sublime self-sacrifice of Gen. Pétain's men for their country is Spartan-like.

Before going into action the troops destroy all letters and consign their treasured souvenirs to relatives with a brief note. These farewell missives are distinguished by their brevity. Some examples follow: "Think well of me; I have died for dear France."

"Bring up my children to love France; farewell, dear wife; we shall meet in the Beyond."

"I go to my death cheerfully, because I am convinced the Bosches will never get Verdun."

## MEDIATORS IN HOPELESS WAY

### Railway Men, Deadlocked, Decide to Continue Negotiations for 24 Hours.

## D. C. HEADS ARE CALLED ON AGAIN TO LEND ASSISTANCE

### All Issues Still Are Open for Consideration, Says Brownlow, Conferees Meet at 1 O'Clock Today.

Hopelessly deadlocked, the committees representing officials and employees of the two local traction companies yesterday again called on the District Commissioners to settle the differences which led up to a strike of the motormen and conductors on Sunday morning.

The four committees went into conference in Commissioner Newman's office late yesterday afternoon. At 9 o'clock last night Secretary of Labor Wilson was called in, and though strenuous efforts were made to complete the work by midnight, it failed.

At midnight, Commissioner Newman announced that it was mutually agreed between the committees that the time of conference would be extended another twenty-four hours. Mr. Newman also announced that this automatically extended the arbitration board time from March 12 to 15, instead of March 11 to 14.

Observing the same ruling agreed upon at the first conference, neither officials or employees would discuss what progress had been made toward a settlement or on what points they had disagreed.

Commissioner Brownlow stated as the meeting adjourned: "Satisfactory progress is being made toward a settlement, and for that reason an extension of twenty-four hours has been agreed upon. All the issues still are open for consideration."

The extended conference will be held today in the office of Commissioner Newman. The conference will go into session at 1 o'clock, and if necessary will remain in session until midnight.

## "Girl Soldiers"

### The Czar admits it: Russia's Numerous Amazons Fighting as Bravely as Russia's Bravest Men.

## "The Most Dangerous Job in the World"

—is just being a tiny, wandering baby.

## "Uncle Sam" Guards Against Another Titanic Tragedy

The little "Seneca" has steamed out into the ocean. The sturdy little craft has gone to take up her position in "the nastiest place in the Atlantic."

## "Gossip, as Usual" England's New War Cry

These are some of the exclusive features to be found only in the four-color magazine section of the Sunday Herald. Then there is the comic supplement, also in four colors with "Hairbreadth Harry," "Relentless Rudolph," "Belinda, the Beautiful Boilermaker," "Charlie," "The Van Loons," "Terry and Tacks," etc.

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## Sunday Herald

# 1 Cent

P. S.—Last Sunday the entire edition was sold out early in the day. Avoid disappointments—order your copy of next Sunday's Herald from your newsdealer today, or phone Main 2500.

## Admiral Fletcher Mobilizing Forces

It became known last night that Admiral Fletcher, of the Atlantic Fleet, had been officially advised of the new turn in Mexican affairs.

He is expected to get his forces in shape to act in event an emergency develops that may require a demonstration in Mexican waters.

## FRENCH FIGHT LIKE DEMONS

### Defense of Verdun Offers Numberless Instances of Heroic Sacrifice.

## MACHINE GUNS TAKEN BY INFANTRY CHARGE

### Sergeant's Squad Hurling on German Rapid-fire Piece Turns It on Enemy.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, March 10.—The battle of 10,000 guns and 500,000 bayonets still rages furiously in the Meuse Valley. The nineteenth day of the conflict brought no perceptible diminution in the desperate encounter.

Tens of thousands of machine and machine gun fire were exchanged between the French and German. The battle still ebbs and flows around a few disputed villages, woods and hills.

Exclusive information allows an estimate that the German casualties may now be reckoned in the neighborhood of 200,000. This includes a considerable number of prisoners, although the French staff policy forbids mention of the figure.

Never has a sterner call been made on the heroism of French infantrymen; never have they answered the call in a finer spirit.

When the Corbeaux woods were recaptured from the Germans there were innumerable instances of heroism by the chasseur. One officer said:

"I never have seen men fight with such bloody frenzy. Any weapon served. If a shell shattered a man's bayonet he leaped at the enemy with a clasp knife. Every infantryman who escaped the German machine gun fire fought like a Roman legionary in hand-to-hand encounters, in which the superiority of the Frenchman over the Germans was clearly demonstrated."

### Sergeant's Squad Captures Gun.

"A sergeant and twenty men volunteered to seize a machine gun posted at a dangerous angle in the woods, from which it raked the onswEEPing French. The small body succeeded in reaching the gun, killed the Teuton team and turned the weapon upon the Germans, killing them like flies.

"The fury of their fighting can be understood when I say that not one of these twenty-ones lost his life. We cleared most of the wood within an hour."

Similar daring deeds were being performed at the same time by other French troops on the other side of the Meuse.

## French Air Craft Do Great Damage

### Engage 15 German Planes Behind Enemy Lines; Raid Railroads.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, March 10.—French aeroplanes have been exceedingly active during the past three days and have inflicted considerable damage on railway lines on which the Germans have been transporting military supplies, and to German air machines.

An official statement issued today says: "During the day of March 8 French aviators showed themselves particularly active. French airmen delivered a number of attacks, most of them over the lines of the enemy. During one of these engagements at Eriennes, fifteen German aeroplanes were forced to flee. Later ten of them were seen descending vertically in the direction of their own lines."

"In addition to this, information has been received that two German aviators, one in a Fokker machine, have been overcome in the Champagne district, and three others vanquished in the region of Verdun. The machines of these five aviators came to the ground within the German lines."

Amsterdam advices state that six French aeroplanes raided the railway lines of the Germans in Central Belgium on Monday and Tuesday, dropped many bombs and caused extensive damage. All of the French machines returned safely.

French aeroplanes also bombarded the Bulgarian camp at Guevgueli, according to Athens advices. Many Bulgarian soldiers were killed or wounded.

### Norwegian Ship Sunk.

London, March 10.—The Norwegian steamship Sibius has been sunk by a mine or German submarine. Three members of the crew were lost.

810.75 to Jacksonville and Return March 26. Special excursion via Southern Railway. Consult agents.—Adv.

## 300 AMERICAN MORMONS FLEE FROM BANDITS

### Villa Reported With 2,000 Men Waiting To Massacre Refugees.

## DEATH LIST NOW 18

### Another Trooper Dies From Wounds Received In Night Attack On Columbus.

## RANCHER MURDERED IN U. S.

### 200 Greasers Cross Line In Arizona, Slaying American and Driving Off His Stock.

Special to The Washington Herald.

El Paso, March 10.—Five hundred American Mormons are in grave peril from 2,000 bandits detailed by Gen. Francisco Villa to attack the train on which they are en route to the border.

The Mormons are residents of colonies in the Galeana district. When news of the Columbus massacre reached them they at once made preparations to return to the United States. Information reaching here tonight is to the effect that Villa has sent 2,000 of his troops to Guzman and La Ascension to head off the train and massacre the Americans.

### Rancher Killed In Arizona.

Dispatches from Bisbee stated that a band of 200 Mexicans crossed the border southeast of Osborne Junction, Ariz., killed an American ranchman and drove off many head of live stock. The name of the ranchman has not been learned.

Sounds of rifle firing late tonight in the vicinity of Columbus, N. Mex., created great excitement in that town tonight. For a time it was feared that Villistas were about to make a fresh attack.

Telephone messages later stated that several Mexicans had been killed by civilian residents of Columbus, who, wrought up by Thursday's massacre, are hunting down all suspicious Mexicans.

### Another Trooper Dead.

The Columbus death list was increased to eighteen this evening when Private Jesse P. Taylor, Troop F, Thirtieth Cavalry, died from a bullet wound in the head at Fort Bliss hospital.

That Carranza intends to assist the United States in its announced determination to hunt down Villa and bring him in "alive or dead," was indicated tonight by the arrival of 1,200 Carranza troops at Paloma, six miles south of Columbus. They carried a special flag to distinguish them from Villistas so that the American troop would not fire.

The Mormon colonists in peril in Chihuahua consist of men, women and children who have been engaged in farming in the Casas Grandes district.

Officials of the Mormon Church here and at Salt Lake City co-operated today in seeking assistance for these persons. It was arranged that a special train should leave Casas Grandes for El Paso. When this train will start is not known here. A train on the Northwestern Railroad was due to leave Casas Grandes tonight, and it is believed that many Americans have taken passage on it. It is the train which Villa is reported to be preparing to attack.

### Carranza Men to Guard Road.

Bishop Hurst, the Mormon prelate here, today held a lengthy conference with Gen. Gavira, commanding the Carranzistas at Juarez, and asked that a military escort accompany the train.

Consul Garcia, the Carranzista representative here, told Bishop Hurst later that 2,000 Carranza soldiers have left Chihuahua for Juarez and that they will proceed to Casas Grandes and patrol the railroad north in order to protect foreigners who are fleeing to the border.

Villa has always displayed hatred for the Mormons in Mexico, whom he accused of having aided the Federalists during the campaign against Huerta, and the fact that he was informed of the plan to bring them to El Paso indicates that he has a well-established secret service both in this country and other border points. He was notified of the Mormon movement sooner than it was made public here.

The main body of Villa's army, according to reports reaching Columbus today, is at Boca Grande, twenty-five miles southeast of Columbus, this morning.

Plans for the invasion of Mexico were discussed today by Gen. Pershing, commanding at Fort Bliss, and other officers. No inkling of what was decided upon could be obtained.

### British Victorious In Africa.

London, March 10.—British troops in German East Africa have occupied Taveta and Salaita, it was officially announced today.

### Steel Mills Have Heavy Orders.

New York, March 10.—The United States Steel Corporation today reported unfilled orders on its books February 29 last, \$568,366 tons, compared with 7,322,767 tons on January 31 and 4,346,371 tons on February 28, 1915.

# 5,000 MEN ORDERED OUT TO "GET" VILLA

## Texas Governor Praises Pursuit Of Bandits

Special to The Washington Herald.

Austin, Tex., March 10.—Heartily approval of the administration's course in sending troops across the border was expressed today by Gov. Ferguson in the following signed statement:

BY JAMES E. FERGUSON, Governor of Texas.

Replying to your request for an expression of my views on the massacre of Columbus, N. Mex., and the action of our government in sending troops into Mexico, I beg to say I am not wholly surprised at its occurrence.

For months we have known that in the present condition of our border defenses, our country might be visited with such afflictions as this at most any time or place. For this reason I have strongly urged the President's policy of preparedness and this present outrage will amply illustrate how necessary it is for our people to become alive to the real situation and demand that we suffer no longer from an inadequate army.

While a great deal is being said about people who leave home, let us not forget that in obedience to our national honor, we must protect those who stay at home.

I heartily approve the action of the President in sending the troops across the border to catch the guilty bandits.

The question of intervention may be avoided, but if it becomes necessary in order to protect lives on American soil, then let it come.

However, let us keep cool and deal with that question when we get to it. Let us prepare to be prepared.

## Slocum's Troopers Only Await Orders

### All Columbus Under Arms Prepared to Resist Another Attack.

Columbus, N. M., March 10.—Col. H. J. Slocum is waiting orders to move his cavalry into Mexico.

News that the administration at Washington had decided to avenge the Americans slain by Villa in his attack on Columbus Thursday morning caused tremendous excitement here. Military men are confident that with re-enforcements of cavalry, they will be able to round up Villa and his band in short order.

It is estimated that Villa has under his command about 2,500 men. This estimate is made by Major Frank Tompkins who, with little more than 200 American cavalrymen, pursued the bandits for fifteen miles into Mexico yesterday.

Columbus is an armed city tonight. Every man and boy is carrying a rifle and side arms. Many are eager to join with the troops in the campaign against Villa.

Rumors that Villistas were again near the town planning to attack led to hasty extinguishing of lights tonight about 7:30. Troops were sent out to investigate and returned with the information that no Mexicans were in the vicinity.

In the eastern outskirts of Columbus tonight a Mexican who failed to halt at the order of a sentry was shot and instantly killed.

## El Paso Stirred By Troop Order

### Guards Strengthened at International Bridges—Pershing Without Orders.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

El Paso, March 10.—Gen. Pershing tonight stated that so far he had received no order from the War Department to send troops into Mexico, and that no arrangements had been made for starting an expeditionary force from either El Paso or Columbus.

Gen. Frederick Funston, at San Antonio, who will be in charge of the operations against the Mexican bandits, is expected to come here or wire to Gen. Pershing at any moment.

El Paso tonight is aflame with excitement over the news that President Wilson has decided to send troops into Mexico. Although nearly half the population of the city is Mexican, there has been no disorder so far.

Seventy women, fleeing from Columbus, arrived here tonight. Among them were Mrs. Maud Wright, who escaped from Villa after being a prisoner for more than a week. Mrs. W. T. Ritchie, widow of the hotel manager murdered at Columbus, accompanied her husband's body here.

# SOLDIERS EXPECTED TO BE ON MEXICAN SOIL IN FEW HOURS

### Orders to Funston Suppressed to Keep Movement of Troops Secret From Any of Bandit's Followers.

## PRESIDENT TO GO THE "LIMIT"

### Confers With Army General Staff Four Hours, Mapping Out Plans For Campaign Across the Border.

President Wilson last night ordered approximately 5,000 troops into Mexico on a punitive expedition to "disperse or capture" the Villa forces, which early Thursday morning attacked the town of Columbus, New Mex.

Execution of the orders will be carried out at once. By day-break today it was expected the American forces would be well into Mexican territory.

The orders are to take Villa dead or alive, and went to Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, on the Mexican border.

## CONFERS WITH GENERAL STAFF.

This action was taken after President Wilson, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army, had approved a plan of troop movements prepared at a four-hour conference of the army general staff.

Gen. Funston will have command of the invading forces. The number of troops he will lead across the border will be left to his discretion, but it is certain he will have at least 7,500 men.

At Gen. Funston's request, telegraphed to Washington last night, details of his orders were suppressed so that he may move secretly and swiftly.

## MOVEMENT CALLED "FRIENDLY ACT."

President Wilson, in an official statement, described the movement to capture Villa as a "friendly" act to aid Gen. Carranza. Secretary Lansing said the invasion of Mexican soil had been ordered without requesting Carranza's co-operation and without inquiries whether Carranza objected. If Carranza offers to co-operate, Mr. Lansing said the United States will accept his co-operation.

While the present movement, the first aggressive action in Mexico since the occupation of Vera Cruz, is described as a punitive expedition, for the sole purpose of capturing Villa and his bandits, President Wilson realizes that his action may lead to war with Mexico.

## AVAILABLE MILITARY STRENGTH GIVEN.

Secretary of War Baker laid before the President last night a detailed statement of the available military strength. He advised President Wilson that the War College division of the General Staff had prepared a plan of campaign not only for the expedition against Villa, but for real intervention in Mexico.

The administration does not know what action Carranza will take when a division of American soldiers invades Mexican soil. It fears that Villa may rally Mexico behind him in a movement of defense against American invasion that may overthrow Carranza and sweep Villa into power as Mexico's leader.

## Ready to Raise Army.

President Wilson took cognizance of this situation yesterday when he authorized the following statement by Secretary Tumulty:

"Should an emergency arise that would make necessary further action by the President, he will go to Congress and lay the entire situation before it. He then will ask for authority to raise a volunteer army to supplement the efforts of the regular army in coping with the situation."

Secretary of War Baker was closeted with former Secretary Garrison for two hours before he took the General Staff plan of campaign to the White House for President Wilson's approval. Secretary Baker also had been in conference with Major General Scott, army chief of staff, and the entire General Staff.

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